

# TOWN OF HERNDON

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### **LISA C. MERKEL NAMED VICE MAYOR, TOWN OF HERNDON**

Herndon, VA (July 6, 2010) – Town of Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis and members of the Herndon Town Council approved a resolution naming Lisa C. Merkel as vice mayor for the town for the 2010-12 term.

The resolution naming Merkel passed with a vote of 6-0, with Merkel abstaining. Traditionally, the councilmember who receives the highest number of votes during the general town elections is named to the post of vice mayor; Merkel received the highest number of votes during the election on May 4.

A resident of Herndon since 2002 and a resident of Northern Virginia since 1996, Merkel is serving her first term on the Town Council. She has participated in the Citizen's Planning Academy and the Downtown Master Plan Citizens Advisory Group, both in 2009. Also in 2009, she was appointed by Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust to represent the Town of Herndon on the Dranesville District Area Plans Review Task Force, a group that reviewed the proposed development surrounding the Route 28 Metro Site and its future impact on the town.

Merkel is active with the Council for the Arts of Herndon; the Herndon Historical Society; Sister Cities International of the Herndon Area, Inc.; and the Herndon Homes Tour Committee.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

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